

February 6, 2023

Connecticut General Assembly
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

Attn: Housing Committee

Re: HB No.6590

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a long time resident and an appointed Commissioner in the Town of Easton, I urge you, the members of the Housing Committee of the State of Ct Legislature to continue supporting local control for all of our 169 municipalities.

Most of this proposed Bill entertains taking away local control to the benefit of big government. You can't have one size fits all zoning ordinances. How long has the infamous 8-30G been on our books without success? We did not move to this state to have our power be usurped and unnecessarily be penalized for non-compliance! It's not the Yankee way!

Specifically, Section (e) of HB6590 should NOT be eliminated. Micro-managing parking is nothing but control – for what purpose? Housing Authorities should not be allowed to exercise their power in neighboring jurisdictions. Similarly, exercising eminent domain should be left within the municipality. Would any of you let your neighbor come and take away some of your possessions just because he/she felt like it? Think about it.

Thank you.

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